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GOSSIP.

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Mrs. Frank Dance.

Linn Co., Iowa, Oct. 14, 1899.

Freak of Paeonies.—Several years ago a friend gave me a fine white Peony root. I set it close to the west end of the house among the shrubbery. The next spring it had one blossom on, and the blossom was pink. Two or three years passed, and it had no more bloom. I then removed it where it had more room and sunshine, and last spring it had thirty blossoms of the loveliest pink shade. Two years ago another lady gave me another white Peony, and this spring it had three lovely pink blossoms. They are much prettier than the white ones or the common Rose Peony, but I would like to know what makes them turn pink.

Mrs. R. C. P.

Oct. 23, 1899.

Dear Flower Folks:—I started my Cosmos early in February in a hot-bed, and transplanted to the garden. They grew all summer, and became beautiful specimens six feet high, but only budded before frost. I have one plant in the house which survived the frost, and am trying to coax it to bloom. I saw them in Utah two years ago growing in profusion, and just fell in love with their beautiful flowers. I shall try again next year, and would like to know just how to treat them so as to insure success. My Chrysanthemums are a mass of bloom—large, beautiful clusters, and I have enjoyed them so much and feel so well pleased that I shall try any number of them next year. The October number of the Floral Magazine was an exceptionally good one. There were so many hints upon just what I was wishing for. I enjoy reading the Magazine so much, and only wish it came twice as often.

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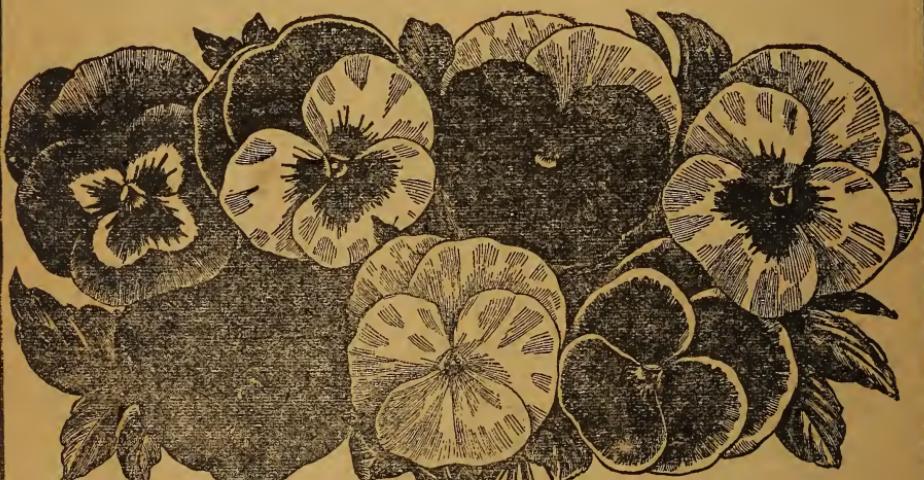
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CHRISTMAS JOYS.

I count among my Christmas joys
These Sacred Lilies from the land
Beyond the sea, like waxen toys;
They tremble lightly in my hand
As where the Holly berries glow
I twine them as they catch the light;
Their yellow cups in stars of snow
Hold incense for the Christmas night;
Where Chinese Sacred Lilies bloom
The air is heavy with perfume.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

BEGONIA MANICATA AUREA.

INTRODUCED from Mexico more than half a century ago we have the beautiful Begonia manicata, a strong-stemmed, densely-growing species with cordate, shining leaves upon hairy stems, and loose clusters of flesh-colored flowers borne well above the foliage. This species has always been admired for its rich, clean foliage and winter-clusters of bloom; but the variegated form, shown in the engraving, is much more handsome, the leaves showing green, white and yellow, blotched and splashed in distinct contrast. This variety is known as B. manicata aurea. It is less vigorous than the plain-leaved sort from which it originated, but is, nevertheless, easily cared for, and is generally satisfactory as a window plant. Young plants are readily started from the older ones by cutting up the mature stems and placing them in a pot of moist sand in a shady place. Started in this way growth should not be expected in less than a month or six weeks. The same method of propagation is also successfully used to start Rex and many other kinds of Begonias.



BEGONIA MANICATA AUREA.

other flowers for Easter decoration.

In the flower bed or border this plant will accommodate itself to almost any soil or position, and will grow and bloom in beds densely shaded, where few other plants can be persuaded to thrive. It requires no protection in winter, being entirely hardy. At the same time, if convenient to give it a light covering of leaves, it is as well to do so.

M. F. Snider,

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19, 1899.

THE VARIEGATED FUNKIA.

THE variegated Funkia or Day Lily is deserving of far more attention from amateurs than it generally receives. Not only is it an attractive and ornamental plant in the border, but it is very satisfactory when grown as a pot plant. It grows thriflily without any pampering, and its foliage is strikingly handsome, forming a thick, rosette-like mat of white, green and yellow, and from a little distance it has the appearance of a large bouquet. Many of the leaves are almost white, and all are delicately striped with green and yellow. Then when the tall, graceful spikes of pretty lilac blossoms come into bloom it is a plant worthy of more than a passing glance. It does not require any special culture. Give it moderate root-room, well-enriched soil and good drainage. Spray it occasionally, and give plenty of water, but not enough to keep the ground soggy. A very little sunshine will be sufficient, and the top of the pot should be just level with the windowsill, to keep the sun rays from striking on the pot and burning the roots. Or, it may be protected by placing it among other plants. Two or three pots of this Funkia, with thrifty foliage, are lovely placed among Lilies and

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The Variegation of Peristrophe.—The bright golden yellow color in the foliage of Peristrophe sometimes disappears during the dull, clouded months of the year, or when a rapid growth is being made. The plants, however, should not be discarded on this account. When bright, sunny weather comes, or when the foliage becomes mature the rich yellow will again appear, and the plants will be more gorgeous and beautiful than ever before. The Peristrophe likes a hot, sunny place, but will endure well the atmosphere of the greenhouse or window garden, and bloom freely. It is one of the most desirable of window plants in winter and spring, and a superb bedding plant for the hot summers of the South.

Paeonies.—A sister in Colorado complains of her Chinese Paeonies not blooming. The complaint is a common one, especially in the States where there is a predominance of alkali in the soil. A dressing of bone dust is often beneficial in such cases, or if this material is not at hand a good quality of phosphate will have nearly the same effect. Avoid fertilizers, however, in which ammonia and potash abound. Paeonies mostly do well in a tenacious limestone clay soil, and will thrive in either a sunny or shady situation. There is much difference in the floriferous character of the various sorts. Those who have trouble in getting plants to bloom should plant only free-blooming varieties.

Otaheite Orange.—The Otaheite Orange is easily grown. A plant six inches high should be potted in a three-inch pot, and when the pot is full of roots shifted into a larger pot. Shift from time to time, as the plant increases in size. Use a compost of turfy loam and sand, with good drainage, and water freely while growing and blooming. In winter, when semi-dormant, water rather sparingly and keep in a cool place.

A BEAUTIFUL BROWALLIA.

WHEN in Paris two years ago one of the most attractive and beautiful of the new flowers seen at the famous gardens of Vilmorin was Browallia speciosa major. One greenhouse was entirely given up to this novelty. The plants



BROWALLIA SPECIOSA MAJOR.

were bedded upon the benches and appeared as a mass of lovely foliage and charming blue flowers, the flowers being much larger than those of Browallia elata. The plants are not difficult to grow, bloom freely, and are of good habit. It is certainly a desirable new flower, deserving of popular culture.

Wintering Cannas.—To winter well Cannas should not be dried off entirely. In digging the clumps allow soil to adhere to the roots, place in a shallow box, scatter earth over and among the roots to prevent drying out, and place on an upper shelf in a rather warm, ventilated cellar. Should there be danger of drying out water occasionally. Under the bench in a greenhouse or conservatory is a good place to winter Cannas prepared in this way. Where but a few plants are to be wintered it can be done safely by potting and keeping in the plant window or in a frost-proof room, watering as the soil shows a tendency to become too dry.

Tuberous Begonias.—The most desirable size of Tuberous Begonias is between an inch and a quarter and an inch and a half in diameter. When the tubers become very large and old they lose their vigor, and produce inferior plants and flowers. The tubers do not split up into numerous offsets, as do Hyacinths and Tulips when they have reached mature age, but their vitality weakens until at last they are worthless.

ABOUT CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

IN the November number of the FLORAL MAGAZINE is an illustration of four of the finest large-flowered Chrysanthemums in cultivation, embracing the four most distinct and beautiful colors, as follows:

Mutual Friend (the central flower in the illustration), pure white, slightly incurved toward the center, very large, and when well-grown perfectly double. This is by many considered the finest pure white Chrysanthemum, and is an exhibition sort that nearly always commands the first prize, or is in a prize collection.

Pembroke (shown in lower left corner of illustration). This is a lovely pure pink in color, full double to the center, where the petals are slightly incurved; flowers of large size. A fine exhibition variety.

Liberty (shown in upper left corner). Bright, golden yellow, large and full, of fine form, and exceedingly attractive. The central petals are slightly incurved, giving the flower that charming effect so much admired in a double flower of this character.

Black Hawk (shown in lower right corner of illustration), large loose flower, rich dark crimson, very double.

These four Chrysanthemums are easily grown, are of strong, vigorous habit, with superb foliage and the finest flowers in form and color that are to be obtained. They are four sorts that should be in every amateur's collection, while for exhibition purposes they are unsurpassed in their class.

The culture of the finer Chrysanthemums in pots is very simple. Cuttings are started in February by the florist. These are of sprouts taken from the base of the plants, often known as "suckers." These are potted in three-inch pots, using a soil made up of turf loam, rotted manure and sand in equal proportions, well incorporated. Keep the plants well-aired, and in a healthy, growing condition. If large, bushy plants are desired pinch out the center, and encourage side branches, only four or five of which should be allowed to remain. Before the plants become pot-bound shift them into five-inch pots, and again pinch out the centers. Now let only two or three of the terminal shoots of each branch develop. Shift once more as the plants increase in size, using eight-inch or nine-inch pots, and plunge the pots in coal ashes in a shady place. When the buds appear pinch off all of the lateral ones, allowing only the terminal buds of each branch to develop. By this means only large flowers will be produced, and such as will be fully developed. Use a liquid fertilizer when maturing, to stimulate the development, being careful not to prepare it too strong. Syringe regularly

with clear water, to clean and moisten the foliage and keep off insects. Always water freely, to keep the foliage in good condition and the plants growing. Avoid dryness about the roots. Shield from wind and storm, and severe weather. Stake as needed, and tie the branches apart to admit air and promote a uniform appearance. By these simple rules, intelligently applied, the finest exhibition plants are grown, and the amateur may use them as effectively as the professional florist if the same conveniences are at hand.

ACALYMPHA SANDERIANA.

ONE of the most attractive exhibits at the late Flower Show at Philadelphia was a pyramidal bank of plants of Boston Fern, surmounted by five large plants of Acalypha Sanderiana, and adorned with blooming plants of Orchids on one side and Chrysanthemums on the other, with a row of small palms about the base. The glory of the decoration, however, was the five plants of Acalypha, which were well grown and elicited untold admiration. The plants occupied twelve-inch pots, and were grown as a straight rod four feet high, then topped, and a number of branches encouraged to develop, forming a bushy head. From every leaf-axil hung a long carmine-rose tail, from ten to fifteen inches in length, making a mass of weeping bloom, odd, gorgeous and beautiful. The fact that these magnificent plants were the product of a year's growth indicated the availability of this plant for decorative purposes. The main stems were clothed with immense, strong-stemmed leaves to the ground, and the leaves of the top were rich green and strongly ribbed, making a fine contrast to the superb drooping chains of bloom. This display of Acalypha has simply indicated the possibilities of the plant, and we may look for still greater results with it in the future. Being as easily grown as a Geranium and blooming continuously this superb novelty should have a place in every plant window. It is certainly deserving of all the praise that has been given it.

Curled Rose Leaves.—When the leaves of Roses curl and begin to turn brown examine them with the microscope. You will generally find them affected by the so-called red spider, a mite which is very destructive to the foliage of plants it attacks. Frequent syringing with clear water will usually prevent the attacks of this pest, but when the foliage is badly infested it should be carefully stripped off, removing the stem and stipules with the leaves. When not numerous the plants can be cleaned by washing or syringing the foliage with kerosene emulsion,

RUBBER PLANT.

THE India Rubber Plant is, in its young state, one of the most beautiful of decorative window plants, the massive, clean, glossy leaves always exciting admiration. It should have a sunny place, and a well-drained compost of turfy loam, manure and sand, and as the pot fills with roots shift into a pot a size larger. Avoid free applications of water when in a semi-dormant state, keeping the soil then merely moist, but water freely in summer, when the growth is active. When the leaves turn black, as they sometimes do, it is usually the result of imperfect drainage. The plant is a native of the East Indies, and will not endure a chilling temperature.

Cyclamen.—Blooming plants of Cyclamen may be grown from seeds in from fifteen to eighteen months by giving them a warm, moist atmosphere and shady situation, and shifting regularly as the plants advance. By the old method of culture, growing only in summer and drying off in winter, it required about three years of cultivation to get blooming plants from seeds. The corms should be above the surface in potting, and the atmosphere must be warm and moist, to keep the plants constantly active. If these conditions are not met the plants will lose their leaves and become inactive and dormant. A rich, porous soil and good drainage, with liberal supplies of water are necessary to success.

For Carpeting.—For carpeting a bed in which are grown such plants as Gladiolus, Tigridias, etc., use either Moneywort or Kenilworth Ivy. The former is readily started from cuttings, and has yellow flowers for many weeks during the season. It is a hardy perennial creeper, and will thrive in either sun or shade, but requires plenty of water at the roots while growing. Kenilworth Ivy is a hardy perennial at the South, but not hardy at the North. It is a lovely trailer, with graceful foliage and numerous small flowers, and forms an admirable carpet. The plants are readily started from seeds. Asperula hexaphylla is recommended for carpeting by some, and is worthy of trial.

Hibiscus Cooperii.—This is a variety of Hibiscus rosa sinensis with beautifully variegated foliage and scarlet flowers. It is more delicate than the green-leaved sorts, and requires more heat and better care. The foliage is very rich, being green splashed and blotched with creamy white, crimson and brown, with a feathered carmine margin. The plant is, of course, only suited for house culture.

THE FLOWER SHOW AT PHILADELPHIA.

THE annual Flower Show which was held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this year, during the second week of November, surpassed all preceding efforts in variety and attractiveness. The chief display was of Chrysanthemums, but there were also shown very fine collections of Orchids, Roses, Carnations, Begonias, and other choice flowering plants as well as decorative foliage plants, consisting of Ferns, Palms, Fancy Caladiums, Crotons, Dracænas, Marantas, etc. The arrangement of the plants and flowers was excellent, and indicated the good taste of those who took part in the exhibition. A fine display of fruits and vegetables was also to be seen in the room set apart for these things, and the hall was rendered still more entertaining by the music of an excellent orchestra. Altogether the show was a great success, and it is to be regretted that the attendance was not more general.

New Plants.—Among the more striking new plants at the Philadelphia Flower Show were Acalypha Sanderiana, the elegant Spurgewort from the Bismarck Archipelago, known to most of the MAGAZINE readers; Begonia Gloire de Lorraine, a superb new flowering sort, the open pink flowers gracefully produced above the foliage in great profusion during winter; Ethel Crocker Carnation, raised and exhibited by Mr. Craig, rich carmine-rose, of perfect form and delicious fragrance; a new Hybrid Tea Rose, named Liberty, large, full, very sweet, and charming crimson-scarlet in color; a Fancy Coleus with enormous leaves, green, mottled and splashed with carmine and gold, the brighter colors prevailing toward the center; Statice Halfordii, a garden perennial plant, hybrid of *S. macrophylla*, bearing fine clusters of purplish bloom; Licuala grandis, an odd and beautiful dwarf foliage plant of the Palm family, etc., etc. The collections of Orchids, Fancy Caladiums, Crotons and Ferns were especially fine, and embraced many new sorts. Many of the new plants received first-class certificates.

Cannas from Seeds.—Started from seeds sown in window boxes early in spring Cannas will mostly bloom the first season, provided the soil is of a gravelly nature, and the bed in an exposed place. In a favorable situation the plants will often bloom the first season, even when the seeds are sown in the bed where the plants are to stand, the sowing being done about the time the apple is in bloom. It is important, however, to sow only seeds of the dwarf early-flowering varieties, as many of the old-fashioned sorts should hardly be expected to bloom the first season.

ABOUT ARAUCARIA.

PLANTS of Araucaria excelsa are started from both seeds and cuttings. The seeds are imported from Australia and tropical countries of which the trees are natives. They are of large size, being about two inches long and five-eighths of an inch in breadth, and in color light brown with dark brown at the base. In general appearance the seed somewhat resembles a huge bulb of Freesia, as the illustration, figure 1, evinces. The body of the seed, shown in figure 2, is fleshy, fine-grained, and of a sweetish, potato-

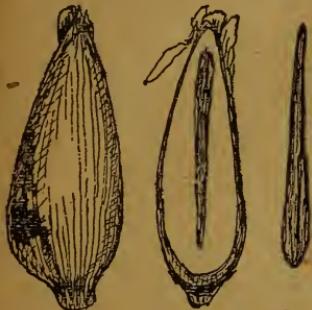


Fig.1. Fig.2. Fig.3.

like taste. It is covered by several thin, husky layers, as indicated in the drawing, and in the center is the germ, as represented in figure 3. The seeds must be sown while they are in the fleshy state. If exposed to the air till they dry out and become hard they are worthless.

Young plants of Araucaria excelsa thrive in a yellow clay loam, not too fine, but with sufficient coarse sand intermixed to act as drainage. A plant six or eight inches high should have a four-inch pot, and a shift into a pot two sizes larger should be given each spring. In potting do not neglect to press the soil firmly about the roots, keep well watered, and in a warm, close, moist atmosphere till growth begins, when it may be given a place in the ordinary plant window. Avoid a frosty temperature, and keeping the soil constantly wet. It does well in partial shade.

Buttercup Oxalis.—Bulblets of Buttercup Oxalis will produce blooming plants the next year after they are formed. Bulblets not larger than a grain of wheat will often produce strong plants and fine clusters of flowers.

Chinese Primrose.—The time to sow seeds of Chinese Primrose is during spring and early summer. If sown in autumn the plants do not become large enough for effective service till the following season.

THE DOUBLE CORN POPPY:

ONE of the most showy as well as tenacious of Poppies is the Double-flowered Corn Poppy—*Papaver ranunculiflorum* fl. pl. Seeds sown in the fall or early spring will come on very early, the plants blooming almost before the spring months have passed by, making a glorious display of rich red and pink and lighter colors in innumerable shades. A few seeds sown over the rear lawn in early autumn will show brilliant spots among the grass next season, if undisturbed. In a bed the plants should be thinned till they stand six or eight inches apart. They grow only a foot high, are bushy and free-blooming, and are certainly among the most beautiful and attractive of garden flowers.



Acacia lophantha.—This is a tropical shrub belonging to the leguminous family. Plants are easily started from seeds, but as these have a hard covering they should be scalded and soaked for a day or more before sowing to hasten germination. The first year the plant makes only a tall, straight stem, but the second year, by cutting back and liberal repotting, the top becomes bushy and tree-like. Started from seeds early in window boxes and transplanted to a sheltered corner the plants make an elegant display of graceful foliage during summer and autumn. Potted they are charming in the plant window, but must be repotted frequently and well cared for to prevent leaf-dropping.

Lotus peliorhynchus.—This is a greenhouse shrubby plant belonging to the leguminous family. It grows two feet high, bearing compound leaves with long, subulate spreading leaflets, and scarlet flowers an inch in length, loosely crowded on little stems near the ends of the branches. It is said to be easily propagated from seeds. It was introduced from Teneriffe in the year 1884.

Umbrella Plants.—These do well in a peaty soil kept constantly wet while growing. When grown in water they should have some soil of this character in which to develop. As a rule the plants may be said to do better in pots of earth than in water. They are aquatic by nature, however, and must be kept thoroughly watered while growing.



THE MESSAGE OF THE GENTIAN.

[NOTE.—Accompanying this poem was a cluster of elegant rich-blue flowers from which the sketch was made, and the name found to be Gentiana Elliottii. The following note was also enclosed:

This was the very last blossom of the season last fall. My son found it after we had ceased to look for even the latest flower. I kept it in water a long time, then pressed it, and its closely closed azure lips seemed to me to be hiding a sweet love message, and the accompanying poem is what they told me when they spoke to my mind's ear.]

What the secret you enfold,
Gentian blue, with heart of gold?
Flora's latest offering,
What glad message do you bring?
Can I not the secret learn
Hidden in your azure urn?
See, I listen, tell me true;
What's your secret, Gentian blue.

Hush, my heart, beat low, while I
Stoop and list her low reply;
List with soul-sense; ah, I hear
Answering bell-notes, silvery clear;
Notes so soft and sweet and low,
Meant for wood-fays ears, I know,
None but those whose souls attune
Themselves with Nature's catch the tune.

"Soul, look up! A Heart of Love
Broods the universe above;
And in love as seemeth best
Gives to all His creatures rest;
Be it blossom, bird or bee,
Be it mortal, still doth He
Ever faithful love-watch keep
O'er them as they lie asleep.

"Soul, to thee this word of cheer
I have brought; lend me thine ear;
Cease to grieve for fading flowers,
Withered leaves, and tuneless bowers;
When chill winter's bands shall break
To new life will nature wake,
And the Heart of Love will bring
Back thy treasures with the spring.

"Soul, again lend me thine ear,
Still a sweeter message hear;
All thou'st missed and mourned for so,
Vanished joys and hopes laid low,
Loves that bloomed but for a day,
Whose faded blooms strew life's long way,
The Heart of Love hath seen them fall,
And keeps watch and ward o'er all.

"Tis thy autumn; do not fear,
Though life's winter chill draws near,
Soon will bloom the eternal spring,
When the Heart of Love will bring

Back thy cherished treasures, while
In the sunlight of His smile,
They will bloom with beauty rare,
And a grace beyond compare."

This the message that she brought,
This the lesson that she taught,
The sweet secret that she told,
Gentian blue with heart of gold.

Pówhatan Co., Va.

A. R. C.

CRYSTAL BLOSSOMS.

The dreary line of leafless hedge,
The thicket gray and still,
The crystal blooms of winter fledge,
And the earth with beauty fill.

The Maples shimmer in the light,
Along the avenues,
Enshrouded with their blooms of white,
And overarched with blue.

No bird song in the silence breaks
The peace and holy calm;
The morn, in break of beauty, wakes
Without the joy of song.

The blossoms star the brier and vine
In the woodland wild and deep;
They smile in the green of the long-leaf pine,
They wake while the Daisies sleep.

For the dead a shroud they've not forgot,
Unsullied by a stain,
In memory of the sacred spot
Where the dear ones long have lain.

They muffle the tread of passing feet,
They bear the traffic by,
And over them the sleigh bells beat
The blossoms from the sky.

The starry flake is the crystal flower
In winter's bright bouquet,
It buds and blooms in a winter hour
From every branch and spray.

Erie Co., N. Y.

Leslie Manchester.

CHRISTMAS ROSES.

Ye bloom, O, Roses of Christmas time
For a baby's eyes to see,
And her smile is bright as she dreams to-night
Of the waiting Christmas tree;
And your soft perfume in that humble room
Is a gift for the closing year,
And an added gem in the diadem
Of our golden Christmas cheer.

Ye bloom, O, Roses of Christmas time
In a maiden's golden hair,
And her heart is light as she waits to-night
By the holly-bordered stair
With a flushing face in the gloom to trace
The form of a lover dear,
Whose lips express with a fond care
Their greeting of Christmas cheer.

Ye bloom, O, Roses of Christmas time
For an aged woman's hand,
Whose failing sight through your grace to-night
Looks out on the Father Land.
And so to youth and to age, in truth,
Your beauty makes more dear
Each joy and grace that has a place
In our holy Christmas cheer.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

CHOICE PLANTS FROM SEEDS.

HAVE succeeded this year in raising nice plants of Asparagus Sprengeri, Asparagus plumosus, Australian Silk Oak, and a vine called Mountain Beauty. I also have a number of plants of hardy Primrose and Polyanthus plants from seeds sown in May. I sow all my seeds in rich garden soil, and usually have satisfactory results. Three years ago I had a seed of Crinum pedunculatum sent me. It grew, and now I have a bulb as large as my blooming bulbs, and I am looking for it to flower soon.

Some time ago I obtained a pod of seeds of a Gloxinia which was white with blue margin. They were carefully sown, and I raised many plants, some of which I gave to friends. When mine bloomed the flowers were pink, or rather a shade of red, and those given to friends have borne similar-colored flowers. Now I think I shall sow seeds of red flowers, and see if I can raise some blue ones! Have any of the sisters been successful in raising Tea Roses from seeds?

Will the Editor tell us something about Mountain Beauty. My seedling vine has begun to run, but I keep it in a pot. Is it hardy in southern Michigan?

Mrs. N. F.

[NOTE.—The Mountain Beauty, *Antigonon leptopus*, is a perennial vine, hardy in the South, but requires protection in the northern States. It is easily grown from seeds, which are not unlike large grains of buckwheat. The roots are hard, red tubers, and the plants need a season of rest during winter. The plants will bear much neglect, and should come into bloom the second or third season from the time the seeds are sown, given favorable treatment.—Ed.]

Wallflowers.—Sow the seeds at any time in the spring or summer. Get good seeds, and try to have the plants grow rapidly. Thin them as they need it, transplanting the ones taken out. At last set them where they are to bloom, about a foot apart. They will bloom the following summer. The Wallflowers are very early bloomers. The colors are rich browns, dull reds, fine yellows, and minglings of these with cream. The texture is fine and velvety, the fragrance delightful. The single sorts, to my way of thinking, are the prettiest. They bloom with the Crocus, and are in flower a long time. After that the plants are not pretty. The seeds are long, bean-like shells, and the plants usually grow in scraggy shapes. They do well anywhere, but they appreciate good treatment, although they may be able to get up with anything, and they are as sweet as Violets and Carolina Jessamines.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Aug. 31, 1899.

ONE WAY.

MRS. GRUMBLE looked downcast indeed one pleasant fall day when she told her neighbor, Mrs. Bright that she could have no plants this winter.

"All I had last winter froze, and the chickens scratched up all the annuals," she said resignedly, "and really I cannot afford a cent to buy any new ones."

"Oh, come, Mrs. Grumble," Mrs. Bright said with energy. "It isn't so bad as that. Let us see what we can do. Here is a big root of a Nasturtium which has not been killed off, and a few new leaves have sprouted. Now, just pot that, and it will grow and bloom all winter."

"Maw, gimme ten cents for some candy," bawled Mrs. Grumble's Johnny. His mother gave him a dime, with a few cross words.

"There goes a new plant or a bulb," Mrs. Bright continued cheerfully. "I see an Ageratum here in the bed which has come up from seed; and, oh, yes, here is a little Snapdragon. Do pot them, for they will bloom all winter in that lovely south window in your dining room."

Mrs. Grumble actually looked interested, and did as she was advised, and added to the collection a single white Petunia. If you will believe it she had a window full of flowers all winter. Ray Richmond.

Dubuque Co., Iowa, Oct 24, 1899.

Keeping Geraniums in Winter.

—I take a large leather-covered trunk, put it in a dark closet where it will be safe from freezing, lay the plants down on the sides, instead of standing them in an upright position, without taking them out of their pots. Fill the trunk full, and cover over with old flannel. Then I shut the cover down, and let them remain undisturbed until March. I have kept a Fuchsia and other woody plants the same way. In the spring I take them out, cut off the dead leaves, and wash the plants in warm water, taking care not to disturb the tiny pale leaves which may have grown during the winter. I wet the soil with warm water, and keep the plants in a warm, sunny place. The after treatment is the same as usual to prepare them for summer bloom ing.

Mrs. J. C. S.

Caledonia Co., Vt., Nov. 8, 1899.

Yellow Jasmine.—The yellow Jasmine is of easy culture. It requires rich, sandy soil, a liberal water supply, and a good trellis. Given this care it repays with great clusters of yellow bells, one and one-fourth inches across, of untold sweetness. Here it blooms in April and May. If the winter is mild it begins to bloom in March.

Mrs. R. D. Moore.

Walton Co., Ga., July 14, 1899.

PANSIES FOR SPRING BLOOMING.

IN order to have Pansies bloom in the spring, when their blossoms are larger, finer and more profuse than at any other period of the year, it is necessary for them to be planted in time to get a good start the year before. They must not be planted too early, however, or they will bloom and partially exhaust themselves in the fall. The best time to plant is in the beginning of September. When the young plants have made three or four leaves transplant them into the permanent bed, first making the soil very rich and mellow. If it is not naturally friable, add sods or leaf mould and a quantity of well-decayed dressing. The bed should be so situated that water will not stand about it in the spring. At the approach of cold weather the Pansies should be strong, thrifty plants showing buds. When the ground freezes cover the bed with several inches of leaves, or if these are not procurable pine boughs are satisfactory. Stable litter is not a very good covering for Pansies, as the plants are apt to smother beneath a dense covering. We have often had Pansies in full bloom near drifts of snow in the spring, and if there is a more cheerful, hopeful sight when the rest of the garden is brown and bare or spotted with dingy snow, I do not know what it is. Pansies are everybody's favorite flowers. Their range of coloring is so rich and varied, they are so floriferous, and their culture is so extremely easy, that well do they deserve the preference.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.
Middlesex Co., Mass.

Gladiolus in the House.—Those who want a few early Gladiolus blossoms in the house can plant the bulbs in glasses of water as Hyacinths are grown. The glasses must be colored ones to protect the roots from the light, but if pint fruit cans are used they may be wrapped in dark green or blue tissue paper. The water should be just below the base of the bulbs, as the roots will quickly start out and reach it, but contact with the water would rot the bulb. If varieties can be picked out use those with light-colored flowers. All conditions being equal, the light-colored ones do better than the red ones. These bulbs bloom in a much shorter time than when planted in the ground, and are great novelties.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill.

Pruning.—For hardy Roses that bloom but once I find that pruning as soon as the flowers fade is best. The bushes make rapid growth, ripening the wood in the fall.

E. E. B.

Worcester Co., Mass.

ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE PLANTS.

SOME of the foliage plants are as bright and pretty as the flowering plants, and some with finely cut foliage are indispensable for mixing in bouquets. Nearly every good-sized collection will contain some of the Fancy Begonias and a Palm or two, but there are many new foliage plants worthy a place in every collection that are seldom seen. Many of these would be given space if only they were better known, such as Aspedistra, Asparagus and others. There is nothing better grown for decorative purposes than the Farfugium grande, as it is beautiful, and its thick, leathery foliage will stand almost any amount of rough treatment, but, like everything else, it will be greatly improved by proper cultivation. The well-known Alyosia citriodora or Lemon Verbena, is indispensable for cut flower purposes on account of the delightful fragrance of its foliage. Then there are the bulbous foliage plants—the Fancy-leaved Caladium and the Spotted Calla which make such beautiful plants for pot culture, and there is always some nook on the veranda or some shady window where they just fill in. Both of these plants do best when grown in partial shade.

Laura Jones,

Lincoln Co., Ky.

New Extra Early Wallflower.—I had the pleasure last year of testing this novelty. The seeds were planted late in the season, but formed sturdy little plants which have survived an unusually severe winter (for this locality), and are now covered with buds. As they were not protected, and the variable weather was fatal to such plants as Forget-me-nots and Daisies, I think it speaks well for the hardiness of this new variety which originated in Paris. The odor is sweetness itself, without being overpowering, and I am inclined to think plants raised from seeds in the spring would be a welcome addition to a winter window garden. No flower-lover should neglect giving this plant a trial.

J. G. A.

Vancouver, B. C., April 6, 1899.

Tigridia conchiflora.—I planted one Tigridia conchiflora in a pot and set under a large oak tree where no sun reached it. The soil was three parts of manure and one part garden soil. Several others were planted in clay soil, with guano as a fertilizer, in a sunny situation. The one grown in a pot in shade gave far the most and finest flowers, while the ones grown in poorer soil stood wind best and lasted longest.

Mrs. R. D. Moore

Walton Co., Ga., July 14, 1899.

FLOWER SEEDS.

When summer wanes and frosts draw nigh,
And wind-blown petals scattered lie,
We cannot watch without a sigh
The blessed garden flowers die.

When sunny autumn hours bring
The warm wind, softly whispering,
It bears us on an angel's wing
The thought, they'll bloom again in spring.

Greene Co., Mo. *Mrs. Hawkins.*

THE NEW BUTTERFLY CYCLAMEN.

A NEW Cyclamen has originated with a Belgian specialist which is, this season, highly praised by European florists, and the seeds are offered in wholesale quantities at \$50.00 per thousand. It is termed the Butterfly Cyclamen, or *Cyclamen persicum papilio*. The novelty and chief attraction of this new variety consists in the crimped or wavy petals with fringed margin, as indicated in the engraving. The flowers are of all colors from pure white to dark red, with various markings and shadings, and are borne upon long, slender stems, while the foliage is in many instances as beautifully marked as that of a fine Rex Begonia. The plant has taken the first prize at every Flower Show where it has been exhibited, and will doubtless become a popular window plant when once introduced.

Rudbeckia.—I have three clumps of Rudbeckia Golden Glow that are from eight to ten feet high, and loaded with hundreds of blossoms. They make a grand show. All they require is plenty of room and a moist situation. For pulpit decoration they are superb, either alone or combined with *Hydrangea grandiflora*.

Mrs. Higby.

New Haven Co., Conn., Sep. 4, 1899.

Well-grown Specimens.—When I first commenced to raise plants I resolved to keep nothing but rare kinds, but I have come to the conclusion that a well-grown specimen of a common plant is much more desirable than a poor specimen of a rarer kind.

Mrs. G. F. Clapp.

Sawyer Co., Wis.

TOO LARGE POTS.

IT is a common mistake to use too large pots in providing winter quarters for our floral pets. Growth is slow during the cold season, and consequently no great amount of root-room is necessary at this time. Then everyone wants some flowers in the winter, and few plants bloom until the pot is pretty well filled with roots. Add to these considerations the necessity of economizing space in the window garden, and no one will wish to use larger pots than are necessary. When active growth recommences toward spring the plants may be shifted into larger pots, and for this purpose a sufficient supply of good potting soil should be stored in the fall. Or, applications of liquid fertilizer may be used. *Mrs. W A. Cutting.*

Middlesex Co., Mass., Sep. 21, 1899.

Watering Plants.—It is a good rule to give all woody plants plenty of water. The Abutilons, Jasmynes, Hibiscus, Asper-distra, Strobilanthes, Chrysanthemums, Bovardias, Oranges, Olea fragrans, Magnolias and Guavas all belong to this class. The Calla loves hot water in the saucer, and a tuber never fails to bloom when so treated. The Umbrella plant does twice as well in a jardiniere half filled with water as it does in earth. Water Hyacinth enjoys the same treatment. *G. G. S.*

Dubuque Co., Ia.



NEW BUTTERFLY CYCLAMEN.

Eldorado Marigold.—We have Eldorado Marigold five feet high. The blooms are four and a half inches across. I will not try to describe them, as no one would believe a homely

Marigold could be so double, large, bright and lovely. We grow them in a bed of rich woods dirt with a liberal dash of guano, and give water in abundance. Each bush is tied to a stake, as the heads weigh down the stalks.

Mrs. R. D. Moore.

Walton Co., Ga.

Black Aphis.—A friend sent a fine Chrysanthemum from the florist. In two weeks it was black with aphis. Two thorough wettings with tobacco infusion put an end to the pests and they never came back. One thorough application is worth more than a hundred careless ones.

Chicago, Ill., Sep. 14, 1899. *Dainty.*

DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

The Old Year lay a-dying,
 The stars so cold and bright
 Shone down on glistening snowfields
 So spotless, pure and white;
 Shone on the trees and hedges,
 Decked with fair wreaths of snow,
 As the sad Old Year lay dying,
 Waiting his time to go.
 As the Old Year lay a-dying,
 Within a mansion fair,
 The music sweet was rising
 On the warm and perfumed air;
 There were flowers and light and laughter,
 No hint of the cold without;
 To the sound of the merry music
 They were dancing the Old Year out.
 As the Old Year lay a-dying,
 Without, in the cold, dark night,
 A beggar boy was lying
 Close by a mansion bright;
 No home had he, nor parents,
 No one to heed his call,
 As faint with cold and hunger,
 With the pure snow for a pall.
 He laid him down to slumber,
 So calm, so still and deep,
 He never could be wakened
 From his quiet, dreamless sleep;
 And they who could have given
 Food and shelter from the storm,
 Said "Tis only a beggar,"
 As they gazed on his wasted form.
 The stars shine down in splendor,
 Over the fields of snow,
 The pale, cold light shines softly,
 On happiness, grief and woe;
 Alike on the home of the wealthy
 And the hut of the poor it lies,
 Alike on prince and pauper;
 And so the Old Year dies.
 The New Year comes; will it give us
 Happiness, peace and joy,
 Fulfillment of cherished longings,
 Or all our hopes destroy?
 Farewell to the Old Year, lying
 Under a wintry pall,
 And a welcome glad to the New Year,
 A "Happy New Year" to all.

Belle M. Brewster.

Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

TWO FERN-LIKE PLANTS.

I ADMIRE Ferns, but my windows have too much sun for them. However, here are several plants that have dainty, airy foliage like a Fern, yet they thrive in sunshine. One of these is the Allegheny Vine, and another the Acacia lophantha. Both may be raised from seeds. The former makes a very pretty house plant. It is prettier grown in the house than outdoors, though, of course, not so large. It is pretty all the year, though it makes but little growth during the winter. I have an Acacia that is eight feet tall. It certainly is a beauty. PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE is the only plant paper I have ever seen that gives this plant the praise it deserves.

Sawyer Co., Wis. Mrs. G. F. Clapp.

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

HOLLY and Mistletoe are the favorites for decoration at Yuletide. Holly is found in Europe, Asia and America. In the eastern States it abounds, and is shipped to other parts of our country in great quantities before the Holidays. It yields readily to cultivation, and is formed into beautiful hedges and ornamental borders. The wood is used extensively in wood carving, being very white and hard, resembling ivory. The leaves are a deep, rich green, thick and shining. The berries are usually bright red, and glow like gems in their emerald setting.

Holly blends beautifully with Mistletoe, which is found in great abundance in southern England and the southern part of the United States. There are more than four hundred species of this parasitic plant. It is not common to the Oak, as many suppose, but grows also on the Apple tree and its family, and on the Fir, Sycamore, Locust, Poplar, Lime and others. The leaves of the Mistletoe are a yellowish green, and the blossoms white. The berries, which are about the size of currants, are yellowish white, and each contains one seed. These berries contain a sticky substance, by means of which they adhere to a tree, where the seed roots and grows. The ancient Romans and British Druids supposed Mistletoe found on the Oak held wonderful powers of healing, and the Oak trees where Mistletoe grew were sacred places of worship for these superstitious people. Vows breathed under the Mistletoe are still sweet to lovers, who twine the Christmas Green at Yuletide.

A. R. Annable.

Bradford Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899.

Salvia patens.—One of the prettiest blue flowers is Salvia patens. A plant came up in my garden many years ago from some mixed seeds. It bloomed the first season, and I was pleased to see it the next spring. It is a lovely shade of bright blue. When we moved to western Kansas a few years after I was delighted to see the prairies gay with it, great patches shading from white to quite a dark shade. Now, when there is such a rage for the national colors, nothing could be finer. It grows from eighteen inches to two feet in height.

Uinta Co., Wyo. Mrs. E. A. Wells.

Palms.—I had a mistaken idea that Palms did not need much water. Mine all turned brown and died. I've learned to give them plenty to drink, an occasional fertilizer, and a sunny window. The leaves should be wiped off every day or two to keep them free of dirt.

G. G. S.

Dubuque, Iowa.

PALMS.

No collection of house plants is complete unless it contains one or more Palms, though they usually call into play all the skill and care the experienced flower-grower can give to produce satisfactory results. Although we often read reports of amateurs raising beautiful specimens from seeds, the process is much too slow to commend itself to the average grower. I once grew a Washington Filifera Palm from seed, watered, washed and potted it for over two years, and when I parted with it not a character leaf had yet appeared. A year ago another small plant of this variety came in a collection of plants, and after a year's time has only three slender blades somewhat resembling a half-grown Tigridia. A small Grevillea received at the same time, and with no more care bestowed upon it, now stands two feet high—a thrifty, beautiful, fern-like tree. The result of these experiences is that I will hereafter buy Palms old enough to have well-developed character leaves. A beautiful little Palm, the Cocos Weddelliana, I purchased for the small sum of twenty-five cents, has five plumy, graceful fronds, and stands perhaps ten inches high. From the airy poise of its dainty green fronds this Palm has earned the sobriquet of Feather Palm. Two other Palms of larger growth very generally grown by the amateur are Latania borbonica and Kentia balmoreana. The Latania or Fan Palm seems to be an especial favorite. The Kentia is recommended as a rapid grower. It is of tall and graceful form, and is exceedingly effective for decorative purposes.

Evelyn W. Brooker.

Oneida Co., N. Y., July 8, 1899.

Covering the Lily Bed.—The Lily bed is not only better off for a covering of boards during the winter, but the mulch of coarse straw is held in place by them so that winds and fowl cannot disturb it. Lilies abhor wet feet, so keep the soil about the roots free from excessive water.

Ashtabula Co., O. J. F. Bucher.

SWEET WILLIAMS.

SWEET WILLIAMS will bloom under almost any circumstances. They grow so thriftily as to defy the weeds, and will take care of themselves after the first year, sowing their seeds far around the original plant, and coming up to bloom year after year. My border of them has been my "joy and pride" for some time past, while most of my other plants have succumbed to the dry weather. I sowed the seed in the seed bed last July, and transplanted as soon as large enough, but they can be sown thinly where you want them to stand, and thin out if too thick. They will thrive in almost any soil or situation, but do best in a sunny place and a good, rich loam. Avoid hen-house fertilizer. Sweet Williams bloom at a time when there are few other flowers, filling up the gap between the Hyacinths and Roses. Such masses of bloom as mine have been since the first of May! Some of the double ones are as double as little Roses. There were pure white ones, deep dark red ones, white ones with a ring of red, scarlet ones with an edge of white, pink ones, and many others. When the heads of bloom began to fade I cut the stalks off close to the ground, and soon new stalks appeared with their heads of bloom almost as heavy as the first.

M. M. T.

N. C., July 18, 1899.

[**Note.**—Plants of Sweet William may be successfully raised as late as September in the bed where they are to bloom next season. If started later at the North and transplanted they may not survive the winter, and such as do survive may not bloom the following season, as transplanting retards their growth and bloom.—Ed.]

Planting Seeds.—When I plant seeds in boxes in the winter for early summer blooming, instead of sprinkling the earth I wring out a cloth in water and lay over the top of the box. I set the box in a warm, dark corner, and when the cloth dries out I pour water into it. The water oozes through the cloth and keeps the earth just moist enough. When the seed sprout I bring gradually to the sunlight.

Dubuque Co., Iowa. G. G. Smith.

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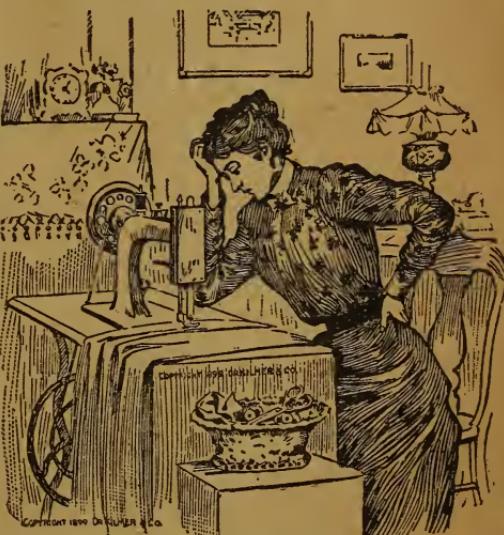
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The buildings of London are mostly from three to six stories high. There are no very high buildings, such as may be seen in New York and Chicago, and in only a few of them do we find elevators for transportation from one floor to another. There may be large department stores in the city, but those I saw did not in any wise

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compare in size and completeness with those found in America. Most of the stores are small, and devoted to some particular branch of trade. Their patronage seems to be small, and but few attendants are needed to transact the business. A noticeable feature is the substantial character of the goods, and the apparent honesty of the salesmen. There is not that rush and push and hurry that we see in New York or Chicago, and the salesmen lack the energy and tenacity we find in the up-to-date stores of American cities. Large restaurants called "grill rooms" are plentiful, and the prices are very reasonable, some astonishingly low for the superior quality of the food supplied. Then there are eating houses where the poorer laboring men come for their meals, and judging from the prices posted the proprietors are not in the "trust." A half-penny will get a large cup of coffee, tea or cocoa, and a half-penny enough bread to make a light lunch. Those who want more double the price. Cheese is largely used, and at Covent Market these eating houses were largely patronized, the sum of three pence buying all that the plain rustics desired.

By the way, the Covent Garden Market is very interesting and entertaining to an American visitor. Such quantities of vegetables as I saw there was a source of wonder and astonishment, as was also the variety of greens and flowers. The Market covers a large space of ground, one part being devoted to vegetables, and the other to flowers and foliage. Roses, Carnations, Asters, Pelargoniums, Lilies and many other things were offered in both blooming plants and cut flowers. Mints and herbs in great variety were offered in little bunches at two cents a bunch, and bunches

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Among places visited were the Tower of London, Kensington Gardens, Chamber of Commerce, the Embankment, British Museum, London Bridge, the Old Curiosity Shop of Charles Dickens fame, the Halls of Parliament and the famous old buildings and streets of the city.

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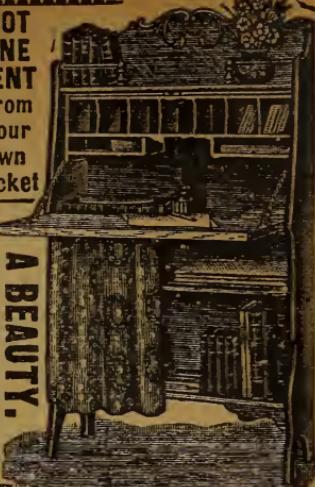
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The Westminster Abbey was of especial interest. The building is of great size, with lofty towers, and richly decorated without and within. The inscriptions upon the stones which marked the resting places of the bodies of noted persons who died centuries ago were curious, and many amusing. Services were in progress when I reached the Abbey, and it is needless to say they were interesting and impressive. The minister wore a black gown, and spoke in a solemn, dignified manner, every word being pronounced distinctly, so that it could be heard by every person in the immense audience room. After the Scripture reading a hymn was sung, then the Lord's Prayer was chanted, after which the minister and choir chanted responsively, the minister chanting the petition, and the choir "Amen." The service included, besides the discourse and congregational singing, an organ solo, a soprano solo with chorus and organ accompaniment, all rendered in the most effective manner. The entire service was most sublime and touching. The sound of the human voice echoing and re-echoing among the great archways, and the solemn reverberations of the mellow organ tones, coupled with the inscriptions upon pillars and walls, bringing one into the ghostly presence of persons deceased ages ago, all touched the senses with a feeling of the supernatural, and only a faint exercise of the imagination was needed to make one feel that this was the very ante-room of the spirit world. Beautiful was the scene and delightful the experiences of that hour. Fond memory will ever recall with profound pleasure the sublime grandeur that met my eye, and the solemn and sweet harmony of the sounds that fell upon my ear on that occasion. No artist could paint the scene, no writer describe the harmony. It afforded a legacy of enjoyment that will be mine throughout life.

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BRIEF ANSWERS.

Sansevieria Spotting.—When brown spots come upon leaves of Sansevieria it is usually because of lack of drainage or too liberal and frequent applications of water. The plant is a succulent, and will not bear too much moisture about the roots or an atmosphere too moist.

Pandanus utilis.—This is a handsome foliage plant from Bourbon. It thrives in a partially shaded window, potted in a compost of loam, manure and sand, with good drainage. Shift into a larger pot as the plant grows. Water freely while growing, and keep in a moist, warm atmosphere. Avoid repotting while the plant is growing, as it appears dormant for some time after, while roots are forming.

Justicia.—This is as easily grown as a Geranium, and should be given similar treatment. It does well in turf loam and sand, and likes a moist, rather warm atmosphere. A plant that is sickly may be improved by repotting, the roots being washed free of the old soil before potting.

Cosmos.—To have early-flowering Cosmos get seeds of the early-flowering sorts and sow them where the plants are to bloom when the Apple is in bloom in the spring. Sow in a gravelly soil with southern exposure if possible, and where the sun will have free access throughout the day.

Successful Palm Culture.—To be successful with Palms an important point in their culture is to keep the plants well watered. Never allow the soil to dry out. The surface soil should be of a porous nature, and the drainage good, and water should be regularly and freely applied. In a sunny window of a dry, hot room, or where the plants are set outside in summer the pots should stand in a box or larger pot, with sphagnum moss between, to prevent drying out. Sponge the leaves off once or twice a week with soapy water, and avoid extremes of temperature. Shift into larger pots in the spring, using rich, turfy loam and sand, and potting firmly. Give partial shade in summer.

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When I wrote before I sent a little poem which you kindly printed. I now send the following, which you may like:

SEASON'S IN THE FOREST.

It is springtime. In the forest
All the sleepy little seeds
Are awakening from the long rest
They have had 'neath autumn leaves.

Now 'tis summer and the birdies
Who have been so long away
Are returning to the beauties
Of the forest now so gay.

Autumn's chilly breath has transformed
Every Elm and Maple old,
Changed its leaves from green to crimson,
Crimson touched with spots of gold.

Winter now steps in, and snow
Covers up the seeds so warm
That when summer winds do blow
They may rise and bloom again.

Willetta Baldwin (age 15).

Essex Co., N. J., Oct. 30, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—My bulbs have been blooming all summer, and are doing so yet. One is two feet and five inches high. I am a great reader, and enjoy reading the Children's Corner in your paper. I enjoy writing stories. I have a lot of chickens and like to take care of them. I did not have many flowers this summer, as the trees made it too shady for them. There are about seventy trees in our yard. My sister and her little girl are visiting us.

Grace Rood.

Shawano Co., Wis., Oct. 21, 1899.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for four years and like it very much. It is such a help to amateurs.

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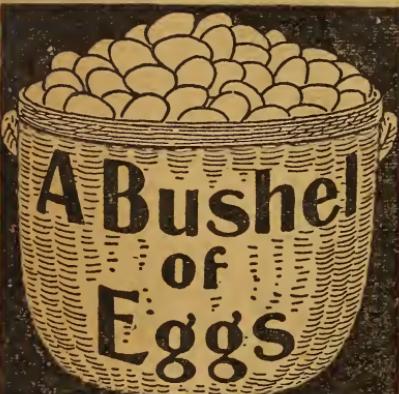
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As they go a-sailing, sailing,
Sailing through the azure skies.

Little one, awaken, waken,
All the needed rest you've taken,
Something grand is going on;
See, the night to day is turning,
Eastern skies are glowing, burning,
With the coming of the dawn.

Little one, arouse and listen,
See the pearly dew drops glisten
On each bended leaf and cup;
Hear that chirp and hear that twitter
From each little feathered flitter,
All the birds are waking up.

Ah, the thrilling, full-toned chorus
From the leafy branches o'er us,
Something beautiful to hear!
All the woodland places ringing
With the merry-hearted singing
Of the wildwood warblers near.

Little one, the sky is brighter,
It is growing lighter, lighter,
Something grand is going on;
All the birds are singing praises
As night's curtain slowly raises,
At the breaking of the morn.

While the birds their hymns are raising
We will join them in their praising,
Lift our thoughts to God above;
Ask for strength to walk in beauty
All the paths of life and duty,
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Weld Co., Col.

Sarah E. Howard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Jasmine.—Mr. Park: Will you kindly tell me how to care for a yellow Jasmine. I potted mine last spring in soil and manure. It hasn't grown a particle, but is still alive.—Mrs. P. F. H., Minn.

Ans.—Water the plant sparingly during the winter and keep in a dry, well-aired cellar where frost will not reach it. In the spring cut the top back, bring to the window, and water, gradually increasing the supply as growth advances. When the roots fill the pot shift into a larger pot. Keep in partial shade.

Primroses.—Mr. Park:—Last spring I got Chinese Primrose seeds from you, and planted them in a pot. As they grew I transplanted them to three-inch pots, and they grew wonderfully, and began to bloom about the middle of December. One plant had six flower stalks on at one time. They have not stopped blooming yet, and I am afraid they won't be able to bloom at all next winter. Do you think it would be best to nip the buds off now, or would you let them go their own way?—I. L. H., N. H., July 21, 1899.

Ans.—Repot the plants, setting them a little deeper in the soil, but being careful not to cover the stem where the leaves start out. Cut away the old bloom-stalks, and as the plants will now begin making new roots they will cease blooming till well established, by which time they will be ready for winter decoration. Keep in a cool, shady place during summer.

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McLean Co., Ill., Nov. 6, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—Here, in the Riding Mountain, Manitoba (a little south of the Arctic Circle), in a board shanty, with snow six inches deep outside, I have in one window three Geraniums in bloom, and in a long box to fit the window four Petunias in bloom. Also, on a table, Nasturtiums, White Aster, Mignonette, Sweet Peas, and in tins are a Begonia, Fuchsia, Nicotiana, Shamrock, and other Geraniums. In a north window Geranium slips are growing and Petunias coming into bloom. Is this not pretty good for cold Manitoba? I like boxes to fit the window, with handles at each end. They are easier to move about, and we have to put all down in the cellar in winter. W. H. Ewer.

Hun's Valley, Man., Oct. 21, 1899.

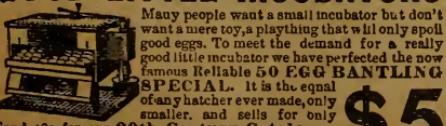
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During the year I have received hundreds of thousands of letters from my patrons, and sent out hundreds of thousands of premiums. In this distribution I have tried to be liberal, and supply such things as would satisfy and please those who received them. It should be borne in mind, however, that in the packing and forwarding of such hosts of premiums many persons are engaged, and in the rush there may be errors made, and some things may not have been up to the standard in quality or appearance, and I wish to say, if a premium is not satisfactory at any time do not complain to your neighbors, denounce the sender, who perhaps knows nothing of the matter, as a fraud, as trying to deceive you, or get money without returning full value for it. But just sit down and write him a note, explaining the matter. You will be given a favorable hearing, and the wrong will be made right, if it is possible to make it so. If your first letter fails, write again. Always believe that I aim to conduct my business honestly, and so that my friends will be pleased and satisfied, and do not hesitate to write me calmly about any irregularity that may occur. You will always find a ready ear awaiting such a complaint. We are now about to enter upon a new year. If there have arisen any differences in the past, dear reader, will you not make them known, that they may be satisfied, and the New Year begun as it should, with a clean record, and mutual good feeling?

Concerning the MAGAZINE I wish to say that I hope to make it better in the future than in the past, and to further that end I know my many friends will lend their aid. Thousands upon thousands of new readers have been added the past year to my lists, by the kind efforts of pleased patrons, and the closing year has proven the most successful year of the existence of the FLORAL MAGAZINE. The coming year is full of promise, and with improved facilities, greater experience, and renewed zeal in the interest of floriculture, I can assure my friends that every effort will be made to serve them better and more satisfactorily than ever before. My sincere good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of each member of my great floral family during the New Year is hereby tendered, and I remain,

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"Oh, because you spend so much time in the dark room developing," replied the Geranium laconically, whereupon a nearby Carnation turned green with envy, and a neighboringSensitive Plant quivered with suppressed excitement.

Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

Benj. B. Keech.

Peristrophe variegata.—Dear Flower Folks: Last fall among other plants received was Peristrophe variegata, and from its appearance I did not expect great things from it. It was potted in a suitable-sized can, provided with the regulation drainage, and in a Begonia soil—a sandy loam. It did not seem to do much for awhile, and some dubbed it "Smartweed" (which the leaves somewhat resemble in shape); but all at once it began to grow, and the beauty of the new leaves surprised me. The yellow center of the leaves is irregular in its outlines, and is bordered with a dark, healthy green. The variegations are as pretty as those of a fancy-leaved Geranium, while it is as free a grower and thrives under more unfavorable conditions. Mine has not bloomed yet, and if it does not it has well repaid the trouble it has been. Take Mr. Park's word for it (I will give his recommendations more heed in future), and when he recommends a plant for a special purpose don't be shy of it, even if it is a novelty.

Emma Cleamasters.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Oct. 27, 1899.

Nymphaea.—Dear Sisters: Last spring I potted a Nymphaea odorata minor the size of my thumb in an eight-inch pot filled with turfy loam, sods and sand, a layer of charcoal in the bottom acting as drainage. The tuber was covered with sand, and the pot placed in a butter tub so the rim was below the top of the tub, which was kept full of water. A small catup bottle with broken end was inverted, with the neck penetrating the soil, to admit a liquid fertilizer occasionally to the roots. I was rewarded by a fine display of leaves, and two dainty flowers. Several times during summer I lifted the pot out and renewed the water. It is now in winter quarters in the cellar, Cook Co., Ill., Oct. 16, 1899.

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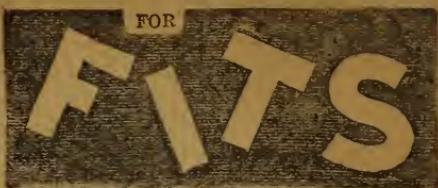
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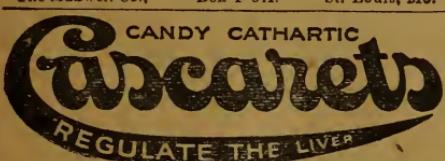
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